

### REMARKS

Claims 3-26 are pending.

The examiner rejected Claims 1-2 on the ground of nonstatutory double patenting. These claims have been canceled.

New Claims 3-26 have been added and are believed to recite allowable subject matter. An early Notice of Allowability is respectfully requested.

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